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SIXTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Sixth Session

Friday, August 21, 1981

The Assembly met at 8.30 a. m. with Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

CALLING ATTENTION

Lock out in the Kerala Spinners Limited, Komalapuram, Alleppey District

Shri A. V. Thamarakshan called the attention of the Minister of Labour and Forests to the lock out in the Kerala Spinners Limited, Komalapuram, Alleppey District. He said that the four month old lock out had thrown about thousand and odd employees out of job due to the management's unhelpful attitude. They had declared a lock out when the employees resorted to an agitation seeking renewal of the three-year agreement which expired in April this year. He further said that another firm Premier Morarji Chemicals was also under lock out.

The Minister of Labour and Forests (Shri Aryadan Muhamed) said that the factory was under lock out since 29-4-1981 following the workers giving notice for a strike from 27-4-1981. A series of conciliation conferences were held after the lock out and no settlement could be reached. He would be convening another conference shortly to find a solution. The Labour Commissioner would be holding another conference before Onam to settle the dispute in Premier Morarji Chemicals.

(ii) Demands of Physically Handicapped Persons

Shri C. F. Thomas called the attention of the Minister of Agriculture and Social Welfare to the demands of physically handicapped persons. He suggested that the follow-up action on the recommendations of the Omanakunjamma Commission should be taken. The Government should get the help of banks, local bodies etc., to formulate schemes to place the handicapped on a sound footing. A conference of all the interested parties should be convened to discuss the issue. Self employment opportunities should be explored. The working of the Handicapped Welfare Corporation should be further strengthened. The scheme for opening thousand sales cabins should be speeded up. Conditions for the grant of medical certificates should be liberalised.

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